GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF DIGITALISED LIBRARY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to create a digitalised library of the rich knowledge in Ayurveda in a bid to help patent offices abroad in proper screening of claims on herbal products;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to(c): Necessary approval has been obtained for setting up a Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) to bring the ancient Ayurvedic knowledge and the use of Medicinal Plants already available in published form in an easily accessible and retrievable form to prevent grant of patents on non-original inventions.